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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>       |                              |                           | Docket No.<br>DAD-0006 |
| Application No.<br>10/501,232-Conf. #3543 | Filing Date<br>July 12, 2004 | Examiner<br>T. M. Lithgow | Art Unit<br>1724       |

Applicant(s): Balakrishnan G. RAGHUPATHY

Invention: A DEBRIS FILTER WITH A ROTATING DEBRIS EXTRACTOR

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   |                                  |                                |                             |      |        |
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|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate |        |
| Total Claims  | 5                                | - 20 =                         |                             | x    |        |
| Independent Claims  | 2                                | - 3 =                          |                             | x    |        |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                  |                                |                             |      |        |
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- ☐ Large Entity ☒ Small Entity
- ☐ No additional fee is required for this amendment.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 in the amount of \$ 905.00.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

  
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Attorney Docket No.: DAD-0006

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Examiner: T. M. Lithgow

Application No.: 10/501,232

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Filed: July 12, 2004

Confirmation No.: **3543**

For: A DEBRIS FILTER WITH A ROTATING DEBRIS EXTRACTOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated June 1, 2006, the period for response being extended to December 1, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 5 and 8-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 7 are amended.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's courtesies and helpful comments made during a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative on November 30, 2006. The points raised during the telephonic interview are incorporated into this Preliminary Amendment.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)